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The Tahlequah Herald persists in saying that ex-Chief Buffington is a citizen of Coe-wee-snoo-wee district. Mr. Buffington is a resident of Delaware district and never did live in the big district to the west.

It has not been definitely learned yet what the towns-site board has done about the Fort Gibson towns-site appraisal, where a lot of worthless shacks were to be palmed off for "permanent improvements." The right thing to be done in this matter is so evident that attention scarcely need be called to it.

The prison doors are open to both freedmen and whites, sellers and buyers of land in the Cherokee Nation. If crooked dealing is persisted in. There is only one way to do a legitimate business and that is to comply with the law openly and frankly. The first man convicted ought to be sent to prison as an example.

In our dire dread of heavy taxes we may make the costly mistake of checking Vinita in her onward course toward the building of a city. If we shut off our street lights, cancel our telephone franchise and take a few more such backward moves, we may as well cease talking about staying on the map, and the more progressive would do well to go elsewhere.

The death of old Paul Kruger at Clarens, Switzerland, last week, brings to mind the inexorable fact that right and might do not always go hand in hand. The pathos of the situation lies in the fact that he lost his country and his life in the cause of liberty, and for no crimes committed. Had no gold been discovered in South Africa, Paul Kruger would have been permitted to dwell in peace and to establish a republic in the Transvaal. With a broken heart the old man turned his back upon his country and took up a life of exile and died among foreigners. His life was yielded in the cause of religious and political freedom. Bereft of friends and robbed of country, his was the stifled cry of human liberty, and a blow to civilization.

If two states is the best the Democrats in congress can promise the people of Indian Territory and Oklahoma, then the government might as well remain with the Republicans. Statehood is not that sort of a political question. If a multiplicity of places for hungry politicians is the aim of Democratic success, then give us something else. There is no apparent necessity for two state governments here other than that more offices and more salaries be provided. If that is the sort of economy the Democratic party wishes to provide for the people who pay the expenses it is unworthy of consideration. The Democratic party, it is hoped, will not go before the country on any such a measly, contemptible proposition. Democracy is supposed to proceed upon the theory that the people are to be trusted, and that a majority know what is best for the whole. The leaders of the double state movement, both Democrats and Republicans, are simply an aggregation of irresponsible, hungry office seekers that don't care a fig for expenses so long as they stand a chance to get at the public trough.

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YELLOWNESS OF VISION.

A Condition of Mind That May Be Fittingly Termed Mental Jaundice.

There are some people who have mental jaundice. That is to say, they see everything yellow. Physical jaundice produces yellowness of the eyes. A great many cases of jaundice actually color the aqueous humor of the eye. This produces a condition of the eye which makes the patient see everything yellow. In fact the patient is looking out on the world through yellow fluid, and, of course, everything looks yellow, says Medical Talk for the Home.

Now there is a condition of mind which might be likened to yellow jaundice. A person's vision yellow in his mind, he is yellow clear through to his soul, and his soul is yellow also. Then he looks out upon the world and discovers that everything is yellow. Every publication is yellow, every enterprise, everything is yellow but himself, whom he fondly imagines is not yellow, simply because he cannot see himself.

Mental jaundice is still worse than physical jaundice. No drug can cure mental jaundice, and there is no rational treatment for it. The patient never knows that there is anything the matter with him. His friends and neighbors know that there is something wrong, but they can never make the patient believe it. A person might as well deal better have something the matter with his liver than something the matter with his mind by which a concentrated bile of distrust and hatred is imparted to the soul. Mental jaundice is a great deal worse than physical jaundice, as the bile that covers the eye in mental jaundice is wholly imaginary bile, which also clouds the judgment and impairs the feelings.

Posted in Natural History.

Customer—Have you any porpoise shoestrings?

New Clerk—Ah, come off. Porpoises don't wear shoes.—Philadelphia Record.

Two Views.

The Daughter—Archie says that in my new white sail I remind him of a yacht under full sail.

Her Father—From my standpoint you're more of a revenue cutter.—Woman's Home Companion.

TRAVELER AND NATIVE.

Dropped Into Conversation Which Proved to Be Anything But Complimentary.

The train stopped for coal and water. "Neat little town you've got here," remarked the traveler in the check suit, who had stepped out on the station platform for a breath of fresh air, relates the Chicago Tribune.

"You hadn't got no copyright on that," replied the native, who was sitting on the dry goods box. "So far as I can see," rejoined the passenger, slightly nettled that his overture had been received so coldly, "the town looks a good deal better than its inhabitants."

"You can't tell anything about a town by the folks you see hangin' around the depot, any more 'n I can tell what kind o' cattle's on a train by hearin' one o' the steers bawl when it gets prodded a bit," said the other, meditatively.

"Got any schools here?"

"A few."

"I wouldn't have suspected it."

"Oh, yes, we turn out a lot o' efficated fools every year, same as they do where you come from."

"I see—and some uneducated fools."

"Yes, sir, but we make travelin' men out of 'em."

"Got a few hopeless idiots, too, haven't you?"

"Quite a sprinklin' of 'em. Was you thinkin' of settlin' down here an' joinin' 'em?"

"Not at all. I don't like the specimens, as far as I've seen them."

"You'd be lonesome among 'em, anyway. They're not talkin' folks."

"Well, I'll be frank enough to say you're not one of them. You're pretty smart. Pardon me, but have you got a chew of tobacco about you?"

"Sure."

"Then will you oblige me by closing your mouth with it? Good-by."

THE PHILIPPINE CLIMATE.

Not So Bad as Many Prejudiced Persons Have Stated in Untruthful Accounts.

When the treaty with Spain by which we acquired the Philippines was under debate in 1898 ex-United States Senator Edmunds in public speech affirmed that the climate of those islands was so fatal to a white man that no American could expect to live there and bring up a family. At that time, says the Portland Oregonian, the Oregonian quoted the fact that Englishmen had lived many years in a worse climate, that of tropical India; that Macaulay was able to do hard legal work even in Calcutta when the mercury stood at 96 degrees above zero; that Thackeray was born in India, where his parents had lived for many years, and that Lord Roberts had campaigned over 40 years in India. Secretary of War Taft is over six feet and weighs 320 pounds—not a very good subject to endure a tropical climate—and yet he returned from the Philippines in perfect health, and he suggests that the newspapers can "help the American government by denying the lies circulated about the terrible climate there." Of course, no man of common sense fails to adjust himself and his habits to his environment. No man wears the same clothing in winter or summer in western Massachusetts. There are vast areas of country in the United States where no white man can live long because of malaria. Neither the bottom lands of the Mississippi nor the swamps of South Carolina, where negroes can live, are healthful for a white man. There are, doubtless, such lands in Cuba, in Porto Rico, in Africa, in India and in the Philippines; but it is not necessary that white men should pick out a patch of malarial country for a homestead.

Struck a snag.

Northern Acquaintance—Colonel, they say a Japanese scientist has discovered a serum that is an infallible cure for rattlesnake bite. Is it likely it will ever displace your famous Kentucky remedy? Eminent Kentuckian—To what famous remedy do you allude, huh?—Chicago Tribune.

Professional Opinions.

"Did Jones have appendicitis?" "The doctors disagreed. Some thought he had money and some thought he hadn't."—Puck.